

Subject: Chat with Mark Adomanis

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me: what's up on your end?

Mark: hey man, what's up. just the usual, work and all that sort of shit

me: what's up with ol Dimitri saying the other day that Russia needs stronger opposition?

me: also, wanted to send this along

me: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x7ph5M53x_4

Mark: I think Medvedev and Putin realize they need to loosen the strings a little bit

Mark: but I think any talk about there being a huge gulf between the two of them is very overdrawn

me: I would certainly agree

Mark: but i also think that a lot of this talk of Russia being "in crisis" reflects a peculiar, and Western-focused, view of the situation

me: I don't see how anything going on would constitute a "crisis" in the context of Russian history

Mark: yeah, very good point

Mark: but the Western media (The Newsweeks, Time Magazines, and Foreign Policies of the world) have this very odd and alarmist narrative about the place

Mark: quite confusing